



# Illinois Crop Production

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**Corn:** Planted area is estimated at 11.8 million acres, unchanged from the previous estimate but down 1 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 11.7 million acres, unchanged from the previous estimate but down 1 percent from the previous year. Based on September 1 conditions, the Illinois corn yield is forecast at 173 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from the previous forecast but down 27 bushels from 2014. Production is forecast at 2.02 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the previous forecast but 14 percent below the previous year.

**Soybeans:** Planted area is estimated at 10.1 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Harvested area, forecast at 10.08 million acres, is up 3 percent from 2014. Based on September 1 conditions, the Illinois soybean yield is forecast at 54 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from 2014. If realized, this would be the second highest yield on record for the state. Production is forecast at 544 million bushels, a 1 percent decrease from last year's record production level.

## Crop Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production – Illinois: 2014 and Forecasted September 1, 2015

Crop	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)
Corn for grain <sup>1</sup> .....bushels	11,900	11,800	11,750	11,650	200.0	173.0	2,350,000	2,015,450
Soybeans .....bushels	9,800	10,100	9,780	10,080	56.0	54.0	547,680	544,320
Sorghum for grain <sup>1</sup> .....bushels	23	45	21	43	106.0	100.0	2,226	4,300

<sup>1</sup> Area planted for all purposes.

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